

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

B 1. (Original) A laminate comprised of a thermoplastic substrate layer, a clear coat layer, and a tie layer comprised of an adhesive-enhancing effective amount of a styrenic block copolymer which adhesively bonds said substrate and clear coat layers one to another.

2. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein said styrenic block copolymer is branched.

3. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein said styrenic block copolymer is linear.

4. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the tie layer further comprises a blend of said styrenic block copolymer and a tackifier.

5. (Original) The laminate of claim 4, wherein the tackifier comprises a terpene resin.

6. (Original) The laminate of claim 5, wherein the terpene resin is present in an amount between about 30 wt.% to about 70 wt.% based on the total weight of the styrenic block copolymer and the tackifier.

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7. (Original) The laminate of claim 5, wherein the terpene resin is present in an amount between about 40 wt.% and 60 wt.% based on the total weight of the styrenic block copolymer and the tackifier.

8. (Original) The laminate of claim 5, wherein each of the tackifier and the styrenic block copolymer is present in an amount of about 50 wt.%, based on the total weight of the styrenic block copolymer and tackifier.

9. (Original) The laminate of claim 1 or 5, wherein the substrate layer is a thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO).

10. (Original) The laminate of claim 9, wherein the clear coat layer is a polyvinyl fluoride (PVF).

11. (Original) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the clear coat layer is a polyvinyl fluoride (PVF).

12-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) A shaped article which includes a laminate according to any one of claims 1-11.

27. (Original) The shaped article of claim 23, in the form of an automotive trim component.

28. (Original) Automotive trim which comprises as a visible component a laminate comprised of a thermoplastic substrate layer, a clear coat layer, and a tie layer comprised of an adhesive-enhancing effective amount of a styrenic block copolymer which adhesively bonds said substrate and clear coat layers one to another.

29. (Original) The automotive trim of claim 28, wherein the substrate layer includes an amount of a colorant so as to impart a predetermined color to the laminate.

30. (Original) The automotive trim of claim 29, wherein each of said clear coat and said tie layers is at least 95% transparent to visible light so that the color of the substrate layer is visible therethrough.

31. (Original) A tie layer material for adhesively bonding plastic film layers one to another to form a laminate structure thereof, said tie layer material comprising a blend of a linear or branched styrenic block copolymer and a terpene tackifier resin.

32. (Original) The tie layer of claim 31, wherein the tackifier resin is present in an amount between about 30 wt.% to about 70 wt.% based on the total weight of the styrenic block copolymer and the tackifier resin.

33. (Original) The tie layer of claim 31, wherein the tackifier resin is present in an amount between about 40 wt.% and 60 wt.% based on the total weight of the styrenic block copolymer and the tackifier resin.

34. (Original) The tie layer of claim 31, wherein each of the tackifier resin and the styrenic block copolymer is present in an amount of about 50 wt.%, based on the total weight of the styrenic block copolymer and tackifier resin.